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| APPLICANTS : | Blackburn, <i>et al.</i> | CONFIRMATION NUMBER : | 8870 |
| SERIAL NUMBER : | 10/532,834 | EXAMINER : | Marsha M. Tsay |
| FILING DATE : | 02/16/2006 | ART UNIT : | 1656 |
| FOR : NEW USES OF PROTEINS ENCODED BY BLE GENES AND ANTIBIOTICS FROM THE BLEOMYCIN FAMILY. | | | |

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT DATED DECEMBER 18, 2007

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on December 18, 2007 in relation to the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully submit herewith this Amendment and Response. This Response is believed to be timely filed on or before the deadline of January 18, 2008, as the Notice required one month to supply the correction to the Amendment filed on November 26, 2007.

This Amendment and Response is filed concurrently with a **Request for Continued Examination** ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and the RCE submission fee of \$405.00 for a small entity.

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the Amendment and Response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.